THE CLAIMS

Claims 1-27 are pending in the instant application. The Applicant requests reconsideration of the claims in view of the following remarks.

Listing of claims:

1. (Original) A method for hardware acceleration in a hybrid wired/wireless local area network, the method comprising:

creating at least one policy to be distributed among at least one of a plurality of access point groups;

associating said at least one policy with a particular one of said access point groups; and

distributing said associated at least one policy to at least one access point in said plurality of access point groups.

2. (Previously Presented) The method according to claim 1, comprising identifying said associated policy to be distributed to said particular one of said access point groups.

3. (Previously Presented) The method according to claim 2, comprising conditioning said selection of said identified policy upon occurrence of an event.

4. (Previously Presented) The method according to claim 3, wherein said distributing comprises distributing said identified policy to said particular one of said access point groups upon said occurrence of said event.

5. (Previously Presented) The method according to claim 4, comprising associating said at least one policy with a particular access point in said particular one of said access point groups.

6. (Previously Presented) The method according to claim 5, wherein said distributing comprises distributing said identified policy to said particular access point in said particular one of said access point groups.

7. (Previously Presented) The method according to claim 1, comprising communicating said at least one policy from at least one of a switch and a server to at least one access point in said plurality of access point groups.

8. (Previously Presented) The method according to claim 7, comprising broadcasting said at least one policy from said at least one of a switch and a server to said at least a portion of said plurality of access point groups.

9. (Previously Presented) The method according to claim 8, comprising distributing said at least one policy via at least one messaging protocol message.

10. (Original) A machine-readable storage, having stored thereon a computer program having at least one code section for hardware acceleration in a hybrid wired/wireless local area network, the at least one code section executable by a machine for causing the machine to perform the steps comprising:

creating said at least one policy to be distributed among at least one of a plurality of access point groups;

associating at least one policy with a particular one of said access point groups; and

distributing said associated at least one policy to at least one access point in said plurality of access point groups.

11. (Previously Presented) The machine-readable according to claim 10, comprising code for identifying said associated policy to be distributed to said particular one of said access point groups.

12. (Previously Presented) The machine-readable according to claim 11, comprising code for conditioning said selection of said identified policy upon occurrence of an event.

13. (Previously Presented) The machine-readable according to claim 12, wherein said distributing code comprises code for distributing said identified policy to said particular one of said access point groups upon said occurrence of said event.

14. (Previously Presented) The machine-readable according to claim 13, comprising associating said at least one policy with a particular access point in said particular one of said access point groups.

15. (Previously Presented) The machine-readable according to claim 14, wherein said distributing code comprises code for distributing said identified policy to said particular access point in said particular one of said access point groups.

16. (Previously Presented) The machine-readable according to claim 10, comprising code for communicating said at least one policy from at least one of a switch and a server to said one or more access point in said plurality of access point groups.

17. (Previously Presented) The machine-readable according to claim 16, comprising code for broadcasting said at least one policy from said at least one of a switch and a server to at least a portion of said plurality of access point groups.

18. (Previously Presented) The machine-readable according to claim 17, comprising code for distributing said at least one policy via at least one messaging protocol message.

19. (Original) A system for hardware acceleration in a hybrid wired/wireless local area network, the system comprising:

means for creating at least one policy to be distributed among at least one of a plurality of access point groups;

means for associating said at least one policy with a particular one of said access point groups; and

means for distributing said associated at least one policy to at least one access point in said plurality of access point groups.

20. (Previously Presented) The system according to claim 19, comprising means for identifying said associated policy to be distributed to said particular one of said access point groups.

21. (Previously Presented) The system according to claim 20, comprising means for conditioning said selection of said identified policy upon occurrence of an event.

22. (Previously Presented) The system according to claim 21, wherein said means for distributing comprises means for distributing said identified policy to said particular one of said access point groups upon said occurrence of said event.

23. (Previously Presented) The system according to claim 22, comprising means for associating said at least one policy with a particular access point in said particular one of said access point groups.

24. (Previously Presented) The system according to claim 23, wherein said means for distributing comprises means for distributing said identified policy to said particular access point in said particular one of said access point groups.

25. (Previously Presented) The system according to claim 19, comprising means for communicating said at least one policy from at least one of a switch and a server to said at least one access point in said plurality of access point groups.

26. (Previously Presented) The system according to claim 25, comprising means for broadcasting said at least one policy from said at least one of a switch and a server to at least a portion of said plurality of access point groups.

27. (Previously Presented) The system according to claim 26, comprising means for distributing said at least one policy via at least one messaging protocol message.